

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE):

Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families

## COMMUNITY HEALTHY MARRIAGE INITIATIVE: AN EVALUATION

### PURPOSE:

This project evaluates community initiatives designed to promote healthy marriages, parental responsibility and the financial well-being of children, according to the overall objectives of child support enforcement. Measurable outcomes include marital quality and stability, parenting behaviors, child and family well-being, marriage and divorce rates, the economic circumstances of families, and measures related to improvement in child support outcomes, including paternity establishments and the payment of child support.

Initiatives involve various marriage-related strategies that aim to improve outcomes for children, adults, and the greater community. These initiatives are directed by community-based coalitions made up of organizations such as government agencies, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations, with funding from Federal, State and local sources.

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